

we ask of all Americans. It is a matter of fairness and shared sacrifice. At a time when the national debate is focused on getting control of the budget, now and in the future, we cannot afford to provide inappropriate corporate subsidies which undermine our efforts and which distort the free market. Perhaps most importantly, enactment of this legislation will demonstrate that Congress and the executive branch are serious about addressing and correcting a system which the American public as a whole sees as benefiting the few with access and influence, rather than serving the general public good.●

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD WISHES TO MARK SMITH

● Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I rise to recognize and offer my deep gratitude to legislative director, Mark Smith, who tomorrow, after 14 years of public service, will leave our office to pursue a career in the private sector.

I first became acquainted with Mark in 1983, when he joined my office as a legislative correspondent. He worked on my second campaign for the Senate as a driver and advance worker. After attending law school, he returned to my staff as a natural resources expert, and finally became legislative director in 1993. Very rarely in my life have I met someone who so embodies the qualities of integrity, hard work, perseverance, and loyalty.

Mark's family comes from Thompson Falls in the northwest section of Montana. That part of our State is known around the world for its spectacular forests and mountains. And it is known throughout Montana for the respect its people hold for the land; for their strong ties of family and friendship; and for their old-fashioned values and work ethic.

All these have put their stamp on Mark, and Mark brings them to work every day.

He is an expert on the environment and natural resources. On these issues, Mark has always been able to find the elusive but essential balance. He has helped preserve Montana's most beautiful natural riches, while at the same time promoting and protecting the natural resource jobs that sustain so many Montana families. The preservation of Pompey's Pillar, the beauty of the Fort Peck Reservoir, and the prosperity of many Montana businesses are due in large part to Mark's appreciation of our great outdoors.

He has a respect for public service and reverence for the law that come right from the heart. Of Mark's many accomplishments here, perhaps the one that has made me proudest comes from this unique quality. That is the confirmation of two Montanans, Sid Thomas and Ron Molloy, as Federal judges. Mark helped me create a selection process that brought two of the most qualified individuals in America to the Federal bench. And that will benefit every Montanan for many years to come.

He has a rock solid work ethic and a deep respect for working men and women. Mark himself comes in to the job early and stays late. And when the Senate goes out on recess, Mark travels throughout Montana listening and learning from millworkers, farmers, small business owners, and people in every walk of life. And that has helped me more than I can say.

And finally, but perhaps most important of all, Mark is one of the most honest, loyal, and dedicated people I have ever met.

Now Mark is moving on. Everyone in our office will miss a valuable co-worker, a respected adviser, and a good friend. But I and all the rest of us are very proud to have worked with Mark, and we wish him the best in the years to come.●

TRIBUTE TO THE TOWN OF BERLIN, NH, AS IT CELEBRATES ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

● Mr. SMITH. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the people of Berlin, NH, on their city's 100th anniversary. The residents of this north country community will begin celebrating this historic occasion February 2 and continue celebrating with a number of festivities including a parade, fireworks show, and music presentation.

The tract of New Hampshire's wilderness now known as Berlin allowed the first settlers striving for independence to come across the mountains to start a new community in the isolated but spectacularly beautiful, rugged land. At that time, the area was called the Plantation of Maynesborough after a renowned English gentleman to whom it was granted by the Crown in 1771. Though this area was severe in the winter, no one had to go hungry because the woods were full of deer and partridge, and the brooks and river teemed with trout. The seemingly endless stands of timber-pine, spruce, fir, and much more scenic beauty stretched across the land.

I travel to Berlin often. It is the gateway to northern New Hampshire. I am always heartened by the sense of community spirit and the dedication to excellence in the people of this industrial town. I have worked with the members of the city government, and many residents, on issues ranging from environmental protection to job security at the plants to economic development for local business. I know the people of Berlin to possess the Yankee independence exhibited by the first settler, William Sessions. That drive, fellowship, and community spirit still holds true in the Berlin of today.

The village was incorporated on February 2, 1897, by Governor Ramsdell, under the name of Berlin. Over the next 20 years, settlers continued farming, running sawmills, and raising homes and families. By 1920, Berlin became a busy industrial center and the capital of the papermaking world with

the formation of the Brown family's Berlin Mills Co. It is an industry still prevalent today.

Thomas Green opened Berlin's first retail market for business in 1835. By 1890, Berlin developed a downtown of wood framed stores, churches, and other public buildings that lined the unpaved streets and wooden boardwalks. After the turn of the century, several hotels, theaters, and even a large opera house could be found in the center of Berlin's flourishing economy. On July 24, 1902, a street railway began operating between Berlin and Gorham, and in 1920, the railway transported over 1.6 million passengers.

Many of the buildings that graced the streets of Berlin in the early 1900's still exist today and exemplify some of Berlin's extraordinary architecture. Several of the events planned for Berlin's centennial celebration will take place in these historic areas of the city. Sunday evening's formal ceremonies will be held in Berlin's city hall, completed in 1914 by A.N. and J.B. Gilbert. The city hall illustrates Gerogian revival architecture.

I regret I cannot attend the joyous festivities today, but I warmly congratulate the residents of Berlin on 100 years of history. I wish to extend my very best wishes for a festive week of activities and continued prosperity. Happy birthday Berlin.●

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

● Mr. BOND. Mr. President, pursuant to the Standing Rule 26, I submit the rules for the Committee on Small Business to be printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD that was adopted by the committee during its business meeting on January 29, 1997.

The rules follow:

RULES OF THE COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

1. GENERAL

All applicable provisions of the Standing Rules of the Senate and of the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946, as amended, shall govern the Committee.

2. MEETING AND QUORUMS

(a) The regular meeting day of the Committee shall be the first Wednesday of each month unless otherwise directed by the Chairman. All other meetings may be called by the Chairman as he deems necessary, on 3 days notice where practicable. If at least three Members of the Committee desire the Chairman to call a special meeting, they may file in the office of the Committee a written request therefor, addressed to the Chairman. Immediately thereafter, the Clerk of the Committee shall notify the Chairman of such request. If, within 3 calendar days after the filing of such request, the Chairman fails to call the requested special meeting, which is to be held within 7 calendar days after the filing of such request, a majority of the Committee Members may file in the Office of the Committee their written notice that a special Committee meeting will be held, specifying the date, hour and place thereof, and the Committee shall meet at that time and place. Immediately upon the filing of such notice, the Clerk of the Committee shall notify all Committee Members that such special meeting will be held